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SUBJECT: IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE, VIENNA, SEPT. 18-25
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1. STATE 181878, WHICH OFFICIALLY INFORMED MISSION THAT LAUREL RISNES WOULD BE ASSIGNED AS TDY SECRETARY FOR USDEL SUBJECT CONFERENCE, ARRIAVED VIENNA SATURADY, SEPT. 15, MISSION HAD ALERTED DEPT. EARLIER TO CRITICAL SHORTAGE HOTEL SPACE VIENNA DURING GC.

2. CANVASS OF TEN HOTELS USED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER BY MISSION OR IAEA PRODUCED RESPONSE THAT ALL EITHER FULL OR OVERBOOKED FOR THIS WEEK. FYI: IAEA HAD EXTENSIVE LIST OF HOTELS FOR USE BY DELEGATES, ALL OF WHICH WERE REPORTING SAME SITUATION BY FRIDAY, SEPT. 14. END FYI. PRESSURE ON REGINA PRODUCED ROOM, BUT ONLY ROOM TO BE HAD WAS DOUBLE, AND REGINA DECLINED CHARGE SINGLE RATE IN VIEW OVERBOOKED CONDITION.

3. RE: ROOM CHARGES, MINIMUM RATE FOR SINGLE WITH BATH AT VIENNA INTERCONTINENTAL NOW \$29.87 (AT EXCHANGE RATE AS 17.84 TO US \$1.00 PREVAILING SEPT. 20); DOUBLE IS \$39.85 PLUS TAX. MINIMUM RATES AT OTHER
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HOTELS USED BY USDEL RANGE UPWARD, DEPENDING ON

QUALITY OF ROOM, FROM FOLLOWING: REGINA SWB -
\$24.10 - 28.02; DWB \$32.51 - 51.00, TIGRA SWB - \$25.22,
DWB \$39.23.

4. RISNES HAS NOW BEEN MOVED BY REGINA TO SINGLE ROOM
AT \$26.34. MISSION REGRETS MIXUP, BUT THIS SEPTEMBER
HAS BEEN MOST CROWDED MONTH FOR VIENNA HOTELS IN
YEARS, AND BETWEEN STEADILY RISING HOTEL ROOM RATES
AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION, ANY HOTEL ACCEPTABLE TO OFFICIAL
PERSONNEL IS EXPENSIVE TO BEGIN WITH. RISNES ORIGINAL
ROOM WAS ONLY RPT ONLY PLACE WE COULD FIND AT SUCH
SHORT NOTICE FOR HER TO SLEEP.

5. UNDER ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST OIC
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF RISNES ACTUAL EXPENSES WHILE IN
VIENNA IN CONNECTION SUBJECT CONFERENCE. ADVISE TO
PERMIT EMBASSY TO SUPPLY FURTHER TRAVEL ADVANCE.TAPE

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